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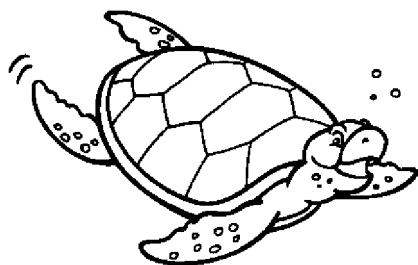
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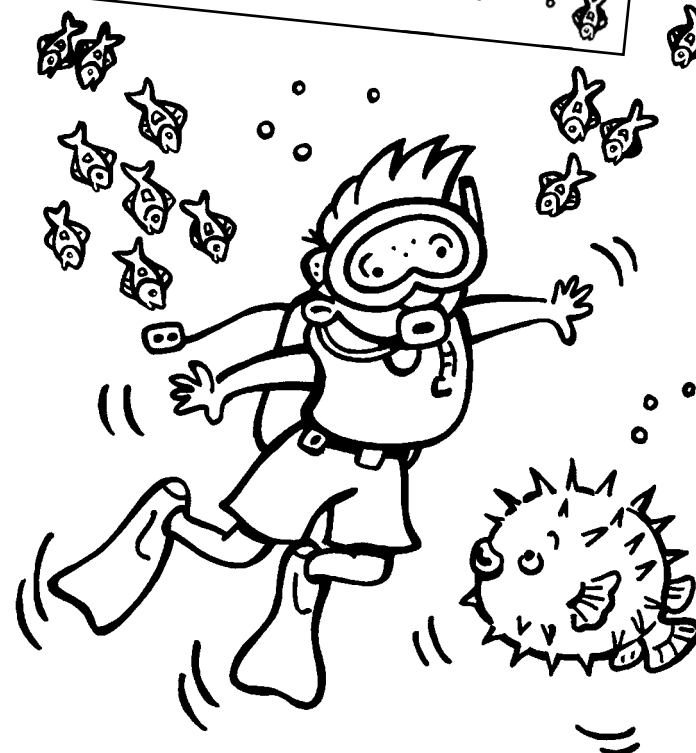
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BOOK 9



Tommy Goes to the Ocean



Tommy Tales

Tommy and his friends were at Kim's house.
Kim was showing her photo album.

"This is me at the beach," said Kim.

"There you are swimming in the ocean,"
said Andy. "I wish I could go to the beach,"
he added. "I've never seen the ocean."

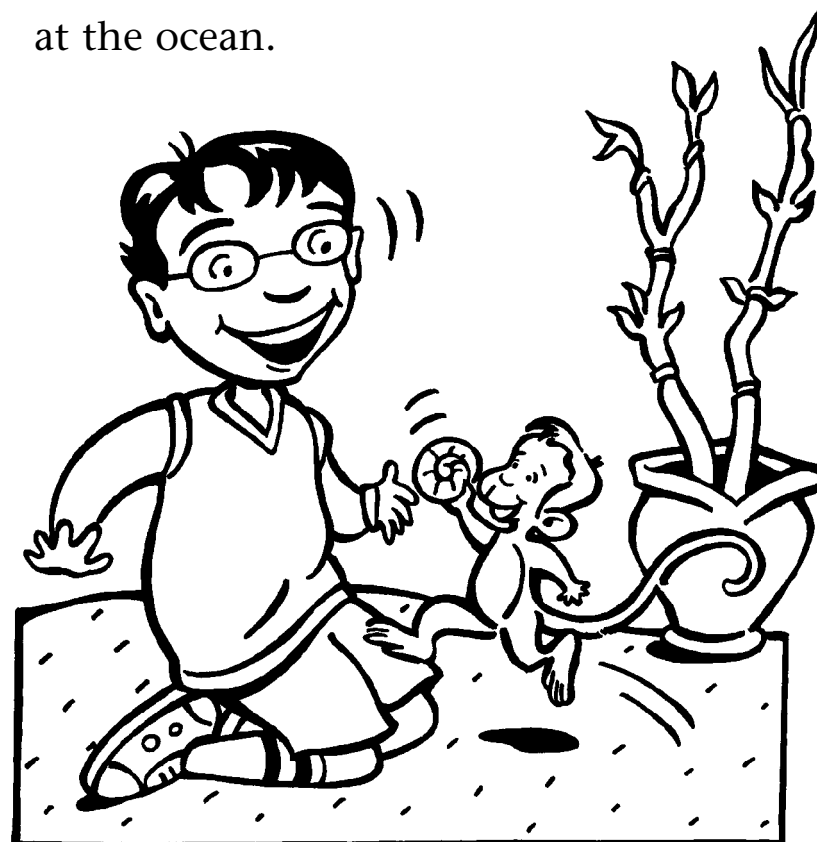
"We can go to the ocean," said Tommy.
"RK-5 can take us there!"



Within seconds, they were back at Kim's house.

"That was fantastic!" said Andy. "But I don't have a photo to remind me of my time at the ocean."

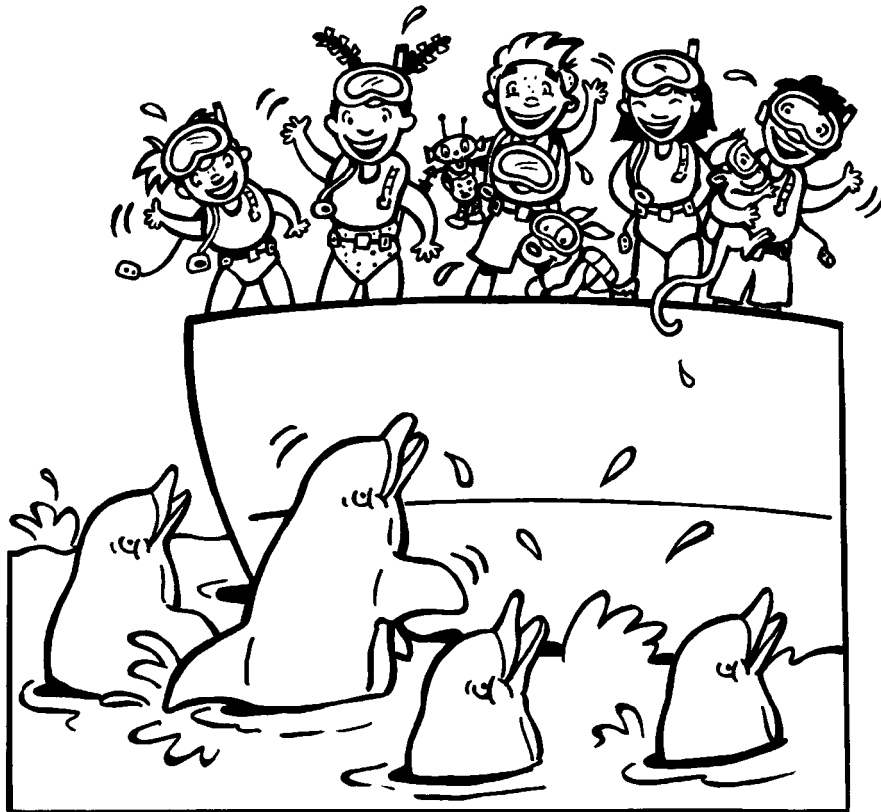
Bongo jumped onto Andy's lap and gave him a shell from the ocean. This would be a souvenir of their exciting adventure at the ocean.



When they were safely back on the boat, everyone was excited. They all talked about their adventure.

“It’s time to go back home,” said RK-5.

They waved goodbye to the dolphins. After Tommy pressed the buttons, there was a flash of light and a cloud of blue smoke.

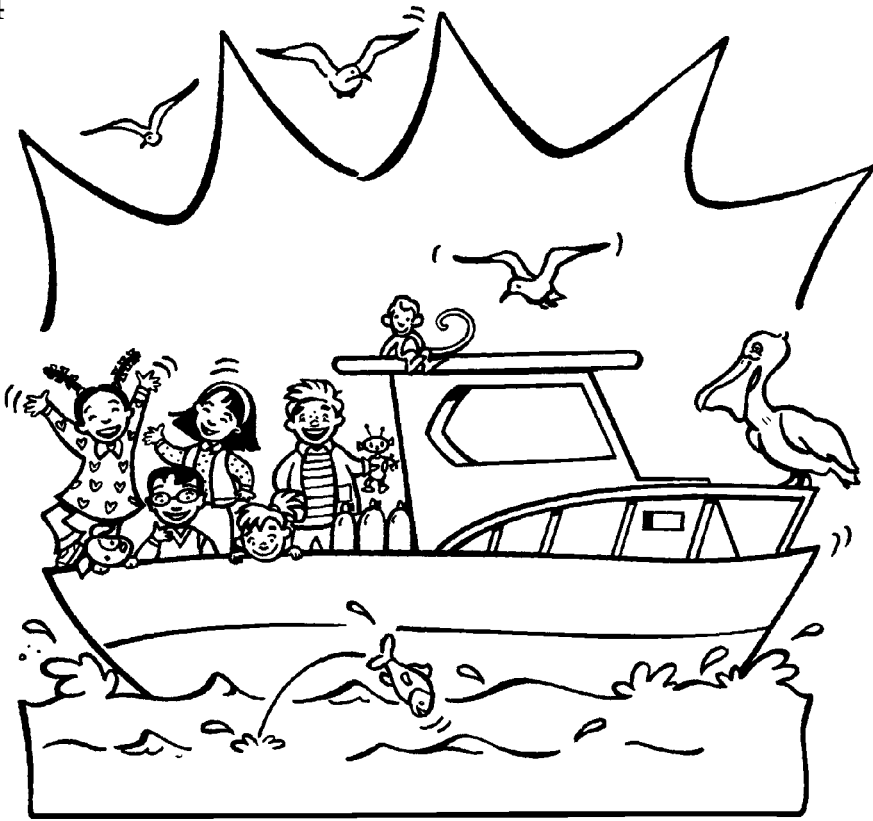


“Yes I can,” said RK-5. “I can also teach you how to swim underwater.”

“Yes! Let’s go,” said Sam. “It will be fun.”

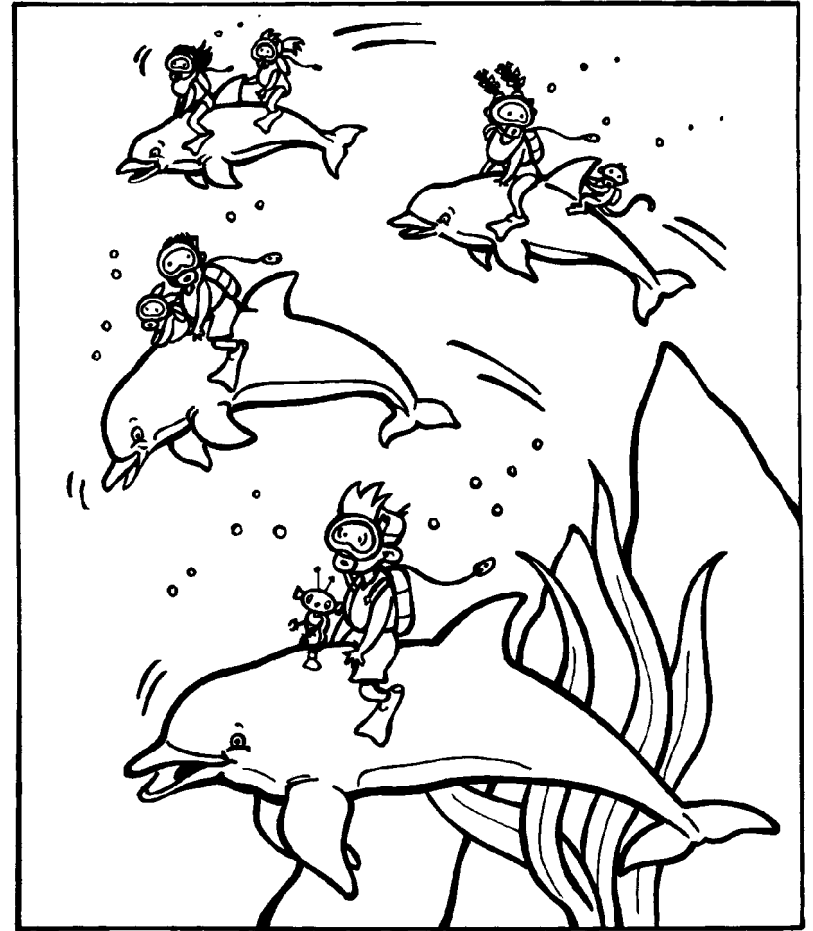
RK-5 told Tommy to press 15-3-5-1-14 x 7 on his number pad. After Tommy pressed the buttons, there was a flash of light and a cloud of blue smoke.





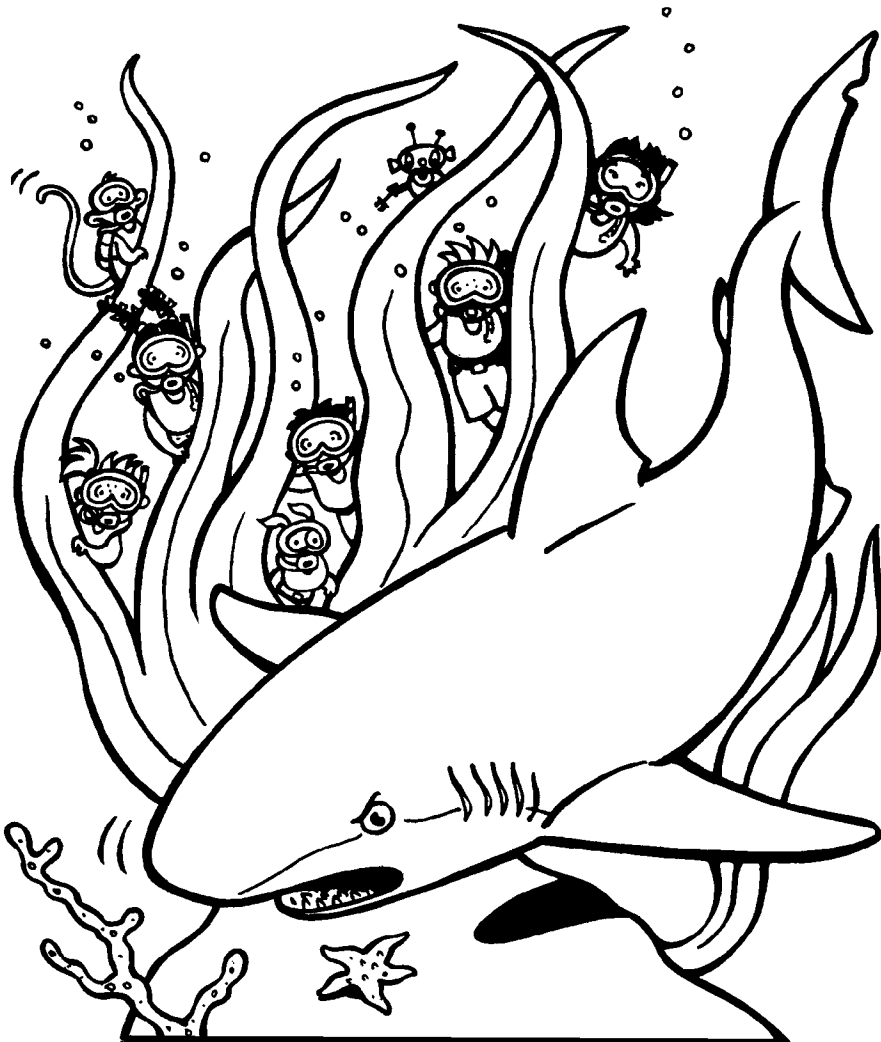
The next second, they were all on a little red boat. The boat was bobbing on the ocean. The sun was shining brightly. They could see the seashore in the distance. RK-5 told them they would find swimsuits and diving equipment in the cabin.

“Change quickly,” said RK-5. “We’re going diving!”



They waited with the octopus until the shark swam away. Then suddenly, four playful dolphins appeared. The dolphins took the little buddies on their backs. The dolphins then swam swiftly to the little red boat.

Everyone soon realized that she was a friendly octopus. They looked through the seaweed and saw a huge shark swimming near the pointed rocks. The octopus had saved them from the dangerous shark.



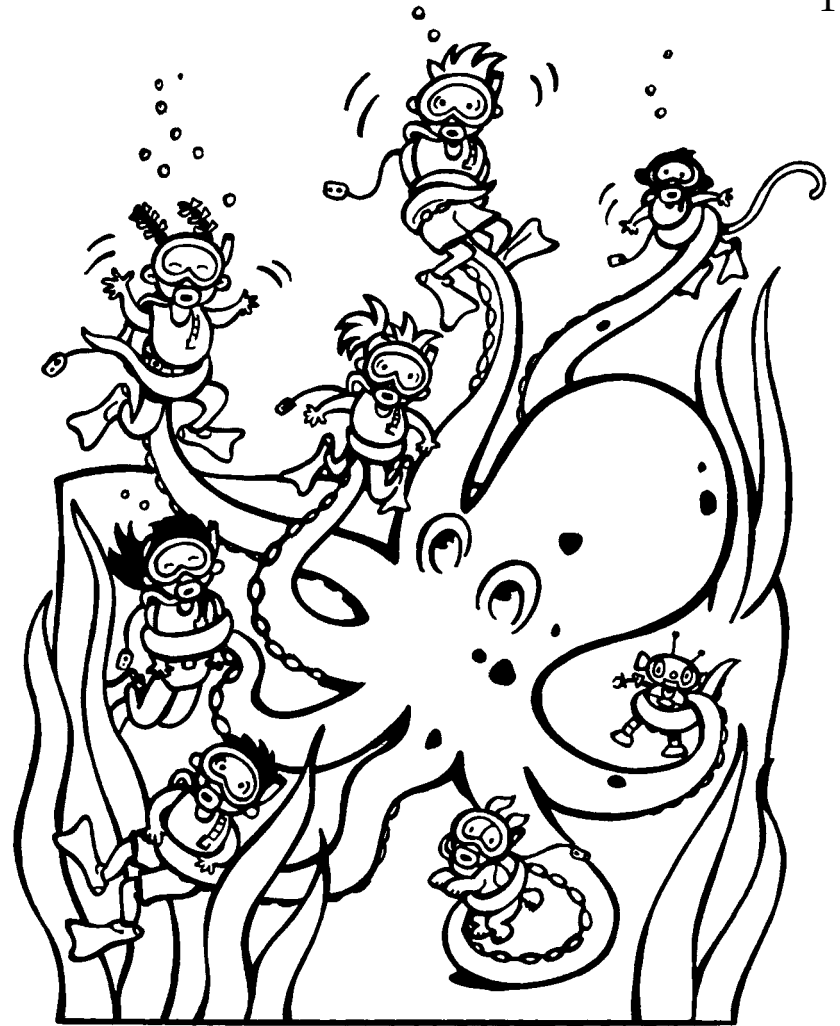
After they changed, RK-5 taught them how to use the diving equipment. He explained that each of them needed a diving buddy.

“Sam and Lucy will be buddies. Kim and Andy will be buddies. Taffy and Bongo will be buddies,” said RK-5.



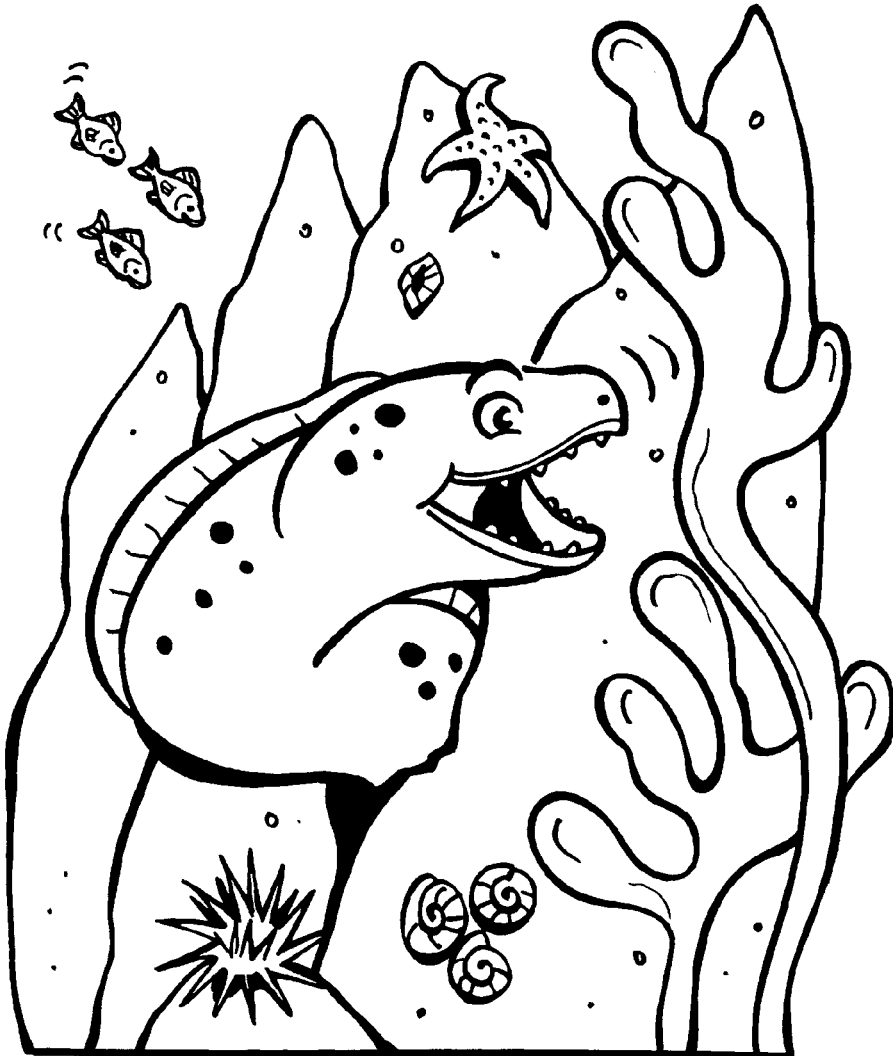
"What about me?" said Tommy. "I don't have a diving buddy!"

"Don't worry," said RK-5. "I will be your buddy. Let's dive!"

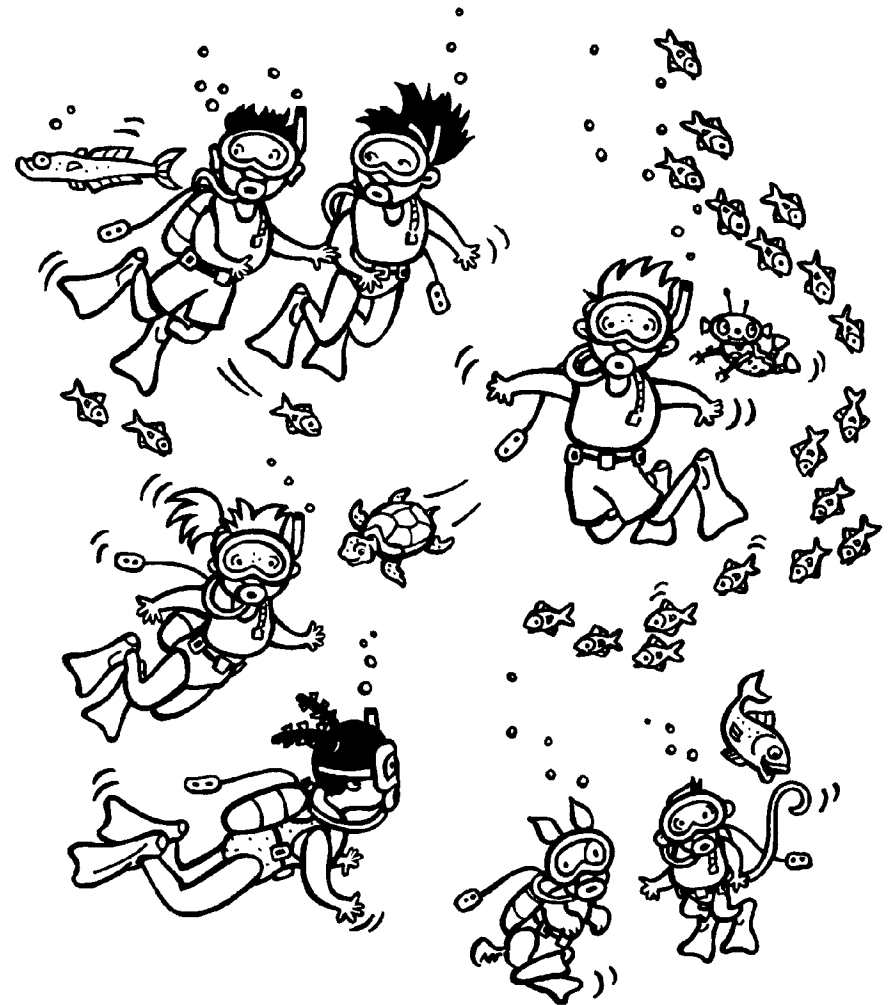


Suddenly, they each felt something slippery slide around their waists. They were all dragged into the seaweed. A big, blue octopus had caught each of the friends in her long tentacles.

They stayed near the pointed rocks and watched all the colorful fish swim around them. A spotted eel poked its head from a hole in the rocks. The eel had never seen such strange creatures.



One by one, they jumped into the water. The water was warm. Soon they were all swimming gracefully underwater. They couldn't speak to each other underwater. They used hand signals to communicate.



Tommy and his friends saw many pretty fish. They also saw beautiful coral and sea plants. A green turtle came to say hello. They followed RK-5, who pointed out crabs and lobsters in the rocks.

Lucy tapped Sam on the shoulder. She wanted to show her two pretty sea horses.



They reached some pointed rocks. Tommy signaled for everyone to stop. There was a big jellyfish ahead. If they swam into it, someone would get a very painful sting.

